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This letter is to express my concern and objection to the proposed public fishing access site on Lake Five to be managed Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

Lake Five is a small lake, surrounded by mostly private land and being one of the owners, I find the idea of public access of any kind, reprehensible. My concern being the negative impact on the environment of the lake, the safety of my property, and the quality of life on the lake.

Generations of my family have been at Lake Five. My late Mother was born (one of five children) in a cabin, on a hill overlooking the lake. It is a legacy of breathtaking wilderness I would hate to see damaged or destroyed by an influx of man and machine.

My late Grandfather was a crew member that built the "Going to the Sun" road in nearby Glacier National Park. With all the recreation that amazing Park has to offer the public, I do not see the need to develop Lake Five.

I am concerned if public access to Lake Five were developed, even with the proposed guard, what is to stop the "public" from boating to my shores, violating my privacy or vandalizing my property?

The tranquility and environment of the area would be forever changed.

My sympathy goes out to Mrs. Taylor on the loss of her son, and I can appreciate her wish for something done in memory of him. Even so, I ask the Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks to *not* develop Lake Five. Please honor *my* family's wilderness legacy and respect my property and that of my neighbors.

Thank You,

Karla J. Wheeler
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